

**North Hertfordshire District Council  
Licensing Act 2003  
Decision Notice**

Date of Hearing	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2007
Members of Panel	D.J. Barnard, T. Brindley and J. Kirby
Applicant(s) Name	Ibrahim Kurt
Premises Address	City Kebab, 74 Eastcheap, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire. SG6 3DD
Date of Application	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2007
<b>APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE</b>	<p>This is an application for the grant of a Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee have read the material presented to us and have listened to all the evidence and submissions. The Sub-Committee has considered the National Guidance and the Statement of Licensing Policy and has come to the following decision:</p> <p>1. The application is <u>approved</u> subject to the conditions and hours as are set out below.</p> <p><b>1. <u>OPENING HOURS</u></b></p> <p>The permitted opening hours are:</p> <p>Friday and Saturday 1000hrs to 2400hrs</p> <p>These hours are to apply each day of the year on these days.</p> <p><b>2. <u>LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES</u></b></p> <p>The licensable activities applied for are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PART L – Late Night Refreshment</li> </ul> <p>The hours during which the licensable activities may take place are:</p> <p><b>PART L – Late Night Refreshment</b></p> <p>Friday and Saturday 2300hrs to 2400hrs</p> <p>These hours are to apply each day of the year on these days.</p>
<b>CONDITIONS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE LICENSING</b>	<p>The Sub-Committee recognises that conditions will <u>only</u> be imposed on a licence where conditions are necessary for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives. The Sub-Committee will only impose conditions on a licence where relevant representations have been made and they consider that it is necessary to impose conditions as a result of these representations.</p>

<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	The Sub-Committee does not consider that any additional conditions are necessary to promote the licensing objectives.
<b>CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY APPLICANT</b>	<p>This licence will be subject to the conditions, that are consistent with the terms offered by the applicant in order to promote the four licensing objectives set out in Part P of their application.</p> <p>Plus the following condition offered by the Applicant during the hearing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notices to be displayed prominently at the entrance/exit to the Premises requesting that customers leave quickly and quietly and with respect for the surrounding neighbourhood</li> </ol>
<b>EFFECT OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS EXPLAINED TO APPLICANT</b>	The Sub-Committee has explained to the applicant the effect of failure to comply with any of the conditions attached to the licence or certificate is a criminal offence, which upon conviction, would result in a fine of up to £20,000 or up to six months imprisonment or both.
<b>STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY</b>	<p>The Sub-Committee has taken into account the North Hertfordshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy in reaching their decision. They have found the following sections to be of particular relevance in reaching this decision.</p> <p><b>4. Regulating Licensing</b></p> <p>4.1 <i>Licensing is about regulating the carrying on of licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events within the terms of the Act. The Council may attach conditions to licences issued under the Act and these must be focussed on matters, which are within the control of the individual licence holders and others in possession of relevant authorisations.</i></p> <p>4.2 <i>Licensing law is not a mechanism for the general control of nuisance and antisocial behaviour by individuals once they are away from the licensed premises or event and therefore beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or authorisation concerned. Nonetheless, it is a key aspect of such control and licensing law will always be part of a holistic approach to the management of the evening and night-time economy in North Hertfordshire.</i></p> <p>4.3 <i>In addressing these matters the Council will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the vicinity.</i></p>

	<p><b>7. Licensing Hours</b></p> <p>7.1 <i>The Council recognises that fixed and overly restrictive opening times can lead to peaks of disorder and disturbance on the streets due to large numbers of people leaving licensed premises simultaneously. These concentrations of people leaving can result in friction at places such as late night food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport. Longer licensing hours with regard to the sale of alcohol are an important factor in reducing these concentrations and the resulting crime and disorder.</i></p> <p>7.2 <i>The Council also recognises that licensing hours should not inhibit the development of a thriving and safe evening and night time economy, which is important for local investment, employment and tourism. The Council will not seek to restrict the trading hours of any particular premises unless this is necessary to promote one or more of the Licensing Objectives.</i></p> <p><b>9. The Prevention of Public Nuisance</b></p> <p>9.1 <i>Licensed premises may have significant potential to impact adversely on communities through public nuisances that arise from their operation. The Council interprets 'Public Nuisance' in its widest sense and takes it to include such things as noise, light, odour, litter and anti-social behaviour, where these matters impact on those living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the vicinity of a particular premises.</i></p>
<b>RATIONALE FOR DECISION</b>	The Sub Committee has concluded that the hours granted by this licence are necessary to promote the licensing objectives and to bring the Premises in line with other outlets in the town centre.
<b>COMMENCEMENT DATE</b>	This licence will come into effect from the date of this decision.
<b>RIGHTS OF REVIEW</b>	At any stage, following the grant of a premises licence, a responsible authority, such as the Police or an interested party, such as a resident living in the vicinity of the premises may ask the licensing authority to review the licence because of a matter arising at the premises in connection with any of the four licensing objectives. The review is a request for the Council to look at the existing licence and decide whether its conditions are adequate to meet the four licensing objectives defined under the Licensing Act 2003.